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Emergency Water Line Repair Work to Close Northbound Lane; Motorists, Cyclists & Pedestrians Urged to Use Caution

DURHAM, N.C. — One lane of Ninth Street will be closed between Green and Safeway streets beginning May 19 for emergency water line repair work.

The City of Durham Water Management Department has contracted with JF Wilkerson, Inc. to expedite the project. The northbound lane will be closed while the contractor is actively on site. Phase one of the repair will begin on Thursday, May 19 and is scheduled to conclude by the end of the day. Traffic flow from Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22 will return to normal.

Phase two of the repair will then take place beginning on Monday, May 23 through Friday, May 27 during which the northbound lane will remain closed. The work zone will be located at the northern end of the block and traffic control measures will be put in place to allow driveway access. Northbound through-traffic on Ninth Street will be directed through a posted detour. Motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians are urged to use caution in this area or to use another route, if possible.

No disruptions in water service are planned, however customers in this area may notice brown water at their tap immediately after the repair is complete. If this issue occurs customers should run cold water from their bathtub tap until the water runs clear.

For more information and a <u>map</u> showing the emergency work location, visit the department's <u>Web page</u> or contact Project Manager Bryant Green at (919) 560-4381, extension 35268 or by email.

About the City of Durham Water Management Department

The <u>Water Management Department</u> is responsible for the operation and maintenance of Durham's water supply, water treatment and water reclamation (wastewater treatment) facilities, the collection and distribution systems (including meter reading), and customer billing services. The department has a wide variety of support divisions and programs to maintain the existing infrastructure that provide these integral services and strive to be a responsible steward of the City's physical assets. For information, visit the <u>Web page</u>, like on <u>Facebook</u>, and follow on <u>Twitter</u>.

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